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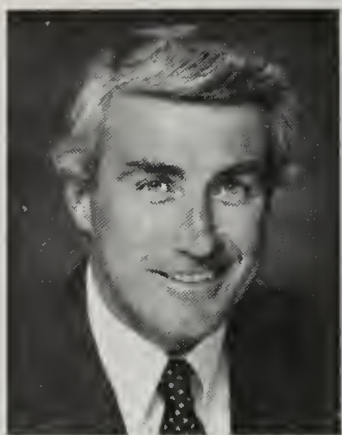
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*Winning The  
War Against  
Drunk Driving*

**Jim Edgar**  
*Secretary of State*



## ILLINOIS DUI LAWS DETER DRUNK DRIVERS

Since drunk driving became a statewide issue in 1981, new laws addressing the offense of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs (DUI) have made Illinois a leader in the war against this serious problem.

In 1988, Illinois drunk driving arrests were down 12 percent from 1986. More importantly, the number of teenagers arrested for DUI declined by 18 percent. While we still have far to go in the war against the number one killer of our young people, we are moving in the right direction.

Laws, enacted in 1987, impose tougher penalties on drivers with two or more DUI convictions. These sanctions, coupled with the deterrent provided to first offenders by the summary suspension law, are creating a greater public awareness of the consequences of a DUI arrest.

Our success in combatting DUI is the result of more effective laws and the active support of law enforcement and citizen groups. By continuing to work together, we can reach our goal of making all drivers aware of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Secretary of State

# DUI

## PENALTIES

Since 1981, Illinois has adopted new laws increasing the penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs (DUI). These penalties apply to drivers age 21 and over.

### FIRST DUI CONVICTION

- Minimum one-year loss of full driving privileges.
- Possible imprisonment for up to one year.
- Maximum fine of \$1,000.

### SECOND DUI CONVICTION

- Minimum three-year loss of full driving privileges for a second conviction in a 20-year period.
- Mandatory 48 hours in jail or 10 days' community service for a second conviction in a five-year period.
- Possible imprisonment for up to one year.
- Maximum fine of \$1,000.

### THIRD DUI CONVICTION

#### Class 4 felony

- Minimum six-year loss of full driving privileges.
- Possible imprisonment for up to three years.
- Maximum fine of \$10,000.

## OTHER ALCOHOL OFFENSES

**FELONY DUI** (following a crash resulting in great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement.)

#### Class 4 felony

- Loss of full driving privileges for a minimum of one year.
- Possible imprisonment for one to three years.
- Maximum fine of \$10,000.

### PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO A PERSON UNDER AGE 21

- Possible imprisonment for up to one year.
- Maximum fine of \$1,000.

### ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

- Maximum fine of \$500.
- Point-assigned violation will be entered on drivers record.
- Drivers license suspension for a second conviction in a 12-month period.

### KNOWINGLY PERMITTING A DRIVER UNDER THE INFLUENCE TO OPERATE A VEHICLE

- Possible imprisonment for up to one year.
- Maximum fine of \$1,000.



# DUI

## SUMMARY SUSPENSION

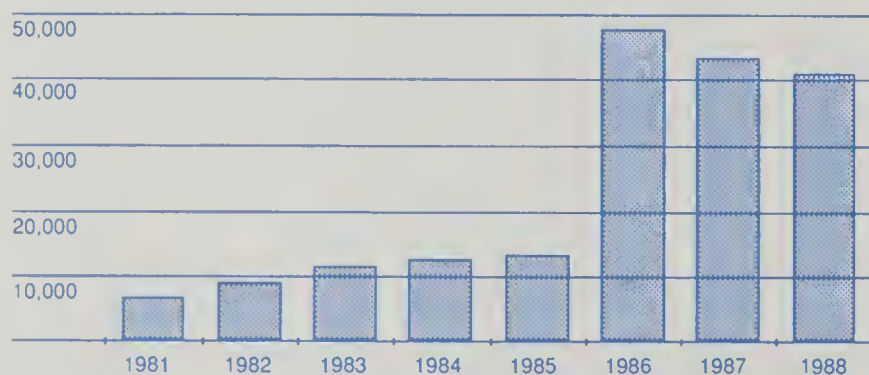
### FIRST OFFENSE

- A chemical test indicating a BAC of .10 or greater results in a three-month drivers license suspension.
- Refusal to submit to a chemical test(s) results in a six-month license suspension.

### SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES

- A chemical test indicating a BAC of .10 or greater results in a 12-month drivers license suspension.
- Refusal to submit to a chemical test(s) results in a 24-month drivers license suspension.

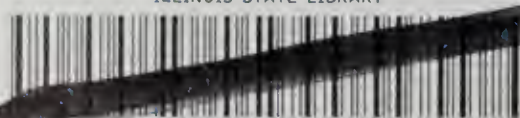
*Number of Drivers Losing Driving Privileges\*\**



*\*\*Graph represents the total number of suspensions and revocations as of December 31st of the year of arrest.*

During 1988, there were almost four times as many DUI suspensions and revocations in effect as in 1985, before the summary suspension law.

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# DUI FACTS

## Nationally

- It is estimated that in 1988, over 23,000 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes.
- Someone is killed in an alcohol-related crash every 22 minutes.
- Alcohol is a factor in at least 320,000 injury accidents and 1.6 million property damage accidents.
- Between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, one of every 10 drivers is legally drunk.
- For every drunk driver arrested, an estimated 500 to 2,000 are undetected.

## In Illinois

- About 850 persons were killed in alcohol-related accidents in 1988.
- During 1988, 90 percent of DUI offenders lost their driving privileges.
- In 1988, the Secretary of State's office recorded 48,656 DUI arrests.
- DUI arrests declined 12 percent in 1988 from 1986. DUI arrests for drivers under age 20 declined 18 percent.

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